

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-23 were pending in the application.

Claim 23 has been allowed.

Claims 10-13 and 22 have now been canceled.

Claims 4 and 14-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Certain withdrawn claims are amended to maintain their scope commensurate with presently-examined composition claims. MPEP § 821.04.

Claims 3, 4, 5 and 21 have been amended by replacing the phrase “represented by” with “as set forth in.” Support for the amendment can be found in the Sequence Listing.

No new matter has been added.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Susan Gorman (Reg. No: 47,604), at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

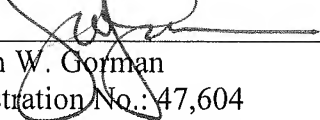
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